

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION:

On page 1, box 1, of the Office Action, the Examiner does not specifically acknowledge the Preliminary Amendment filed on December 23, 2005, but indicates that the Preliminary Amendment has been entered in the Interview Summary of January 20, 2006, which is consistent with the claims indicated as pending in box 4.

Claims 29-47 are pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is requested.

OBVIOUSNESS TYPE DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION:

On pages 2-6 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 29-47 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,810,201 or U.S. Patent No. 6,771,892. In view of the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider with withdraw the rejection.

CONCLUSION:

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot. And further, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art. Thus, there being no further outstanding objections or rejections, the application is submitted as being in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any remaining issues to be addressed, it is believed that prosecution can be expedited by the Examiner contacting the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview to discuss resolution of such issues.

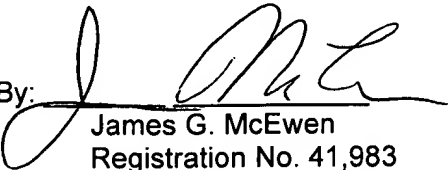
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